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1. FONMINISTRY DIRGEN DAVIGNON, IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM
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AND POLCOUNS MARCH 19, HAS SUBSTANTIALLY CONFIRMED INFORMATION REFTEL. HE SEEMED PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH AGREEMENT THAT NO INITIATIVES WOULD BE TAKEN AT HELSINKI WITHOUT REFERENCE TO CAPITALS. HE AGREED THAT HAD SUCH A SYSTEM BEEN EARLIER IN EFFECT THE DUTCH WOULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM MAKING THEIR PROPOSAL ON FORCE LEVELS, FOR EXAMPLE. EAST- WEST AFFAIRS DIRECTOR HERPIN WAS TO LEAVE FOR HELSINKI MARCH 20 TO ASSUME ACTIVE CHAIRMANSHIP OF EC NINE CAUCUS.

2. WHILE MINISTERS AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO " EUROPEAN" INTERNATIONAL LAW, DAVIGNON THOUGHT SWISS PROPOSAL COULD BE ADJUSTED TO COINCIDE WITH PRINCIPLES OF UN CHARTER AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS DECLARATION. NINE ARE DETERMINED TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE SOVIET SPONSORED PHRASEOLOGY ON " IMMUTABILITY" OF FRONTIERS WHICH MIGHT LIMIT FUTURE DECISIONS ON BORDERS IN WESTERN EUROPE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF WE INTEGRATION.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH SECURITY CONTENT OF DECLARATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES, NINE AGREED TO MAKE DETERMINED EFFORT TO KEEP DIFFERENCES OF OPINION (WITH DUTCH AND FRENCH AT EXTREME POLES) AS LIMITED AS POSSIBLE.

4. MINE AGREED THAT CONFERENCE FOLLOW ON SHOULD BE DEBATED BY COORDINATING GROUP IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE STAGE AND NOT BY SEPARATE COMMITTEE. STRAUSZ- HUPE

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